

Animal Fact Sheet

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Great Horned Owl

Bubo virginianus

The Great Horned Owl is a large and powerful bird of prey native to the Americas, recognizable by its prominent ear tufts or 'horns' and striking yellow eyes. It has a mottled gray-brown plumage that...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Strigidae

Habitat: Forests, woodlands, grasslands, deserts, wetlands, and urban areas

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 13-15 years in the wild

Weight: 1.0–2.5 kg

Scientific name: *Bubo virginianus*

Did you know?

- The Great Horned Owl is one of the only animals known to regularly prey upon skunks, thanks to its extremely limited sense of smell.
- Great Horned Owls can rotate their heads up to 270 degrees and have a grip strength powerful enough to crush bone. Unlike most birds, their eyes are ...

What I learned
